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FOR MR. JOHNSON AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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UNCLAS JULY 16. THE UNESCO COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE CONTINUED TO DRAW HEAVY CRITICISM IN THE LOCAL PRESS WHICH HAS FIRMLY OPPOSED THE U.N. SPECIALIZED AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE CONTROL OR OWNERSHIP OF THE MEDIA.

LA PRENSA GRAFICA, PUPULAR LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, TERMED THE MEETING AS "IGNOMINIOUS" ADDING THE UNESCO PRETENSIONS ARE A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE LEGAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

LA PRENSA GRAFICA SAID (SPANISH EXCERPT):

"OPROBIOSEA RESULTARA AL FINAL LA REUNION INTERGUBERNAMENTAL QUE ESTA CELEBRANDOSE EN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, BAJO EL PATRIOCINIO DE LA UNESCO. COMO SE SABE, EN ESA REUNION SE ESTA BUSCANDO LA FORMULA DE DARLE A LOS GOBIERNOS LATINOAMERICANOS--POR HOY Y LOS DE TODO EL MUNDO DESPUES--, UNA FORMULA QUE LES PERMITA EL 'CONTROL DE LAS COMUNICACIONES.' ESTO, COMO MUY BIEN ACABA DE SENALARLO LA SOCIEDAD INTERAMERICANA DE PRENSA (SIP), IRIA 'CONTRA EL DERECHO DEL PUEBLO A SER INFORMADO POR UNA PRENSA LIBRE E INDEPENDIENTE.' ES DECIR, LAS PRETENSIONES DE LA UNESCOVCWPPRESENTAN UNA FLAGRANTE VIOLACION DE LOS FUNDAMENTOS JURIDICOS DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS, DE LAS CUALES FORMA PARTE COMO AGENCIA /SPECIALIZADAM ES COMO SI ESTUVIERA DANDOSE EL CASOT DEL ESCORPION TRATANDO DE MORDERSE LA COLA.

"SON DIVERSOS LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS QUE RESULTARIAN ATROPELLADOS POR LA UNESCO. ...POR EJEMPLO, EL ARTICULO 19 DE LA DECLARA-

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CION UNIVERSAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS LITERALMENTE DICE: 'TODO

INDIVIDUO TIENE DERECHO A NO SER MOLESTADO A CAUSA DE SUS
OPINIONES Y EL DE INVESTIGAR Y RECIBIR INFORMACIONES Y OPINIONES,
Y EL DE DIFUNDIRLAS SIN LIMITACION DE FRONTERAS, POR CUQLQUIER
MEDIO DE EXPRESION'.BPVVZISOTEARA ESTE Y OTROS DERECHOS HUMANOS
LA RECOMENDACION FINAL DE LA REUNION INTERGUBERNAMENTAL DE
LA UNESCO?"
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